$\begin{array}{c} \text{GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA} \\ & \underline{\text{ABSTRACT}} \end{array}$

Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of **4.4824 ha** of Forest land in Siddipet forest division for Erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220/132 KV Gajwel SS to 220/132 kV Siddipet SS in Siddipet District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction, TS TRANSCO, Sangareddy.– Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 64

Dated: 03-08-2022 Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.10337/2017/FCA-3/PS, Dated: 08.02.2020.

- 2. Govt. Lr.No.536/For.I (1)/2020, Dt:20.05.2020.
- From Dy.Director General of Forests(Central)GoI,MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional Office, F.No.4-TSB166/2020-CHN/109, Dt.11.02.2021.
- 4. From PCCF (HoFF), T.S., Hyd., Ref.No.10337/2017/FCA-4, Dt.25.06.2021)
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.536/For.I(1)/2020, Dated:13.08.2021.
- 6.From the Inspector General of Forests(Central), GoI, MoEF&CC,Hyderabad, F.No.4-TSB166/2020-CHN/154, Dt.07.12.2021

ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of **4.4824 ha** of Forest land in Siddipet forest division for Erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220/132 kV Gajwel SS to 220/132 KV Siddipet SS in Siddipet District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction, TS TRANSCO, Sangareddy.

- 2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.
- 3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, IRO, Hyderabad have conveyed Central Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 4. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad in her letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Hyderabad for according necessary approval.
- 5. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.
- 6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of **4.4824 ha** of Forest land in Siddipet forest division for Erection of 220 KV DC line from 400/220/132 kV Gajwel SS to 220/132 KV Siddipet

SS in Siddipet District in favour of Executive Engineer, Construction, TS TRANSCO, Sangareddy, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of Forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The State Forest Department shall demarcate the diverted forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and its maintenance over **9.00 ha** of degraded forest area identified in Compt.No.191 Meenajipet RF of Siddipet District, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- iv. The degraded forest land identified for CA shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- v. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- vi. The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to the minimum in the diverted width of 35 meters of the forest land and the shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- vii. The State Forest Department shall carry out plantation and its maintenance of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of Way under the transmission line from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- viii. The State Forest Department shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency.
- ix. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines issued by the Ministry for laying transmission lines through forest areas.
- x. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
- xi. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- xii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- xiii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- xiv. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.

- xv. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land Disturbance shall be kept minimal by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- xvi. The trees on strips would have to be felled but after stringing work is completed, natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Future pollarding / pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local forest officer wherever necessary for the maintenance of the transmission lines.
- xvii. During construction of transmission line, pollarding / pruning of trees located outside the 35 meters width of the strips whose branches / parts infringe with conductor stringing, shall be permitted to the extent necessary, as may be decided by the local forest officer.
- xviii. All efforts shall be taken to minimize the felling of trees and the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees wherever feasible at the cost of the User Agency.
- xix. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **4.4824 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than shown in the diversion proposal.
- xx. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.
- xxi. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions made under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.
- 7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI, SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

То

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

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The Chief Executive Officer, Ad-hoc (CAMPA), 4th floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003

The Executive Engineer, TS TRANSCO, Sangareddy. SC/SF.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//